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Application No.: **10/763,961**
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For: **LOCKING MECHANISM FOR A BONE SCREW**

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Art Unit: **3732**
Examiner: **D. Bonderer**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

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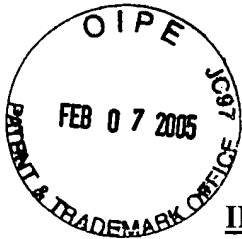
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 15, 2004.
Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.